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Where Does The Money Go? Around The World Through OGH-SOS Offering

\$100 provides a scholarship at Casa Mia, Naples, Italy; subsidizes a rural-life workers' conference in the Philippines; reclaims a half acre of land in the Middle East, in a self-help project; delivers a pig or two goats.

\$50 pays for a new house in Bangladesh (the roof is extra); purchases and ships 1,000 pounds of fertilizer.

\$25 purchases 100 pounds of high protein (soy) meat substitute — enough for an average family for an entire year; inoculates forty African children against death-dealing measles; enables a planned parenthood clinic to counsel twenty families.

\$10 delivers 100 pounds of miracle rice seed from the Philippines to Bangladesh farmers — enough for a harvest of six tons; provides a month's education for a Tibetan refugee child; supplies enough dynamite to blast through rock for a well in Ghana; furnishes twenty yards of cloth for self-help sewing projects in the Middle East.

April 1st, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is the date when many congregations of the United Church of Christ will join in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing-SOS OFFERING. Will you plan to make a generous gift?

Now Available — OGHS-SOS Filmstrip

The filmstrip, A HIDDEN WAR - A HIDDEN PEACE, a commentary on the Sudan refugee situation, is available from the Conference Film Library.

It supplements the materials for the 1973 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-SOS Offering which have already been sent to the churches.

There is no charge for the use of this informative filmstrip. Order it from the Southeast Conference Office, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

President Moss On Cease Fire In Vietnam

My basic feeling is one of relief and gratitude that the destruction will cease in Vietnam. We now face serious questions with regard to our own responsibilities in the period following the truce. What is our responsibility for rebuilding Vietnam? I believe that a major part of our resources are going to have to go to Southeast Asia to repair some of the damage that we have done, and my hope is that the support that we give in Vietnam will not be primarily military support.

When we turn to our own nation, the major task is one of healing the divisions that have been occasioned by the war: prisoners of war, veterans, those who have fled this country in protest of the draft, deserters, those with less than honorable discharge. All of them are in some sense victims of the tragedy that we have been involved in.

Although it is a difficult and delicate issue, my own conviction is that there is a great need as a first step for this nation to declare a general amnesty for those who have left America because of the war. Also, if we are really to heal the division we are going to have to return to our domestic priorities. Here it seems to me we have lost the vision of the great society and we need badly to recover it and to move toward it.

Essentially, it seems to me the responsibility is going to lie with the President and the Congress, but particularly with the President, and much will depend upon the kind of leadership that he offers during the next four years. I hope he will give us a reconciling kind of leadership as we face the future perils and problems.

Fidler Honored

Congratulations to George Fidler, pastor of St. John's United Church, in Cullman, Alabama, who was presented a plaque by the Vocational Rehabilitation Service. The plaque read: IN APPRECIATION TO REV. GEORGE A. FIDLER FOR COORDINATION OF SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS LIVING WITHIN CULLMAN COUNTY.

One Great Hour Of Sharing-S.O.S.



The One Great Hour of Sharing - S. O. S. all-church offering which is received in most congregations during Lent is, as the theme states, "One Way to Help a Broken World." Receipts from the offering which, it is hoped, will amount to more than \$1,200,000, are used by the United Church Board for World Ministries to meet emergency and long-range service needs.

This past year, floods in South Dakota and Pennsylvania served as a reminder that such needs are not limited to other nations but hit our own nation as well. As is always the case within hours after these disasters strike, financial aid was on its way to help provide emergency shelter, food, and medical aid.

When disaster strikes in the United States, local congregations and conferences of the United Church of Christ provide personal aid to the victims. However, when the disaster occurs overseas, as in the recent earthquake in Nicaragua, the total response of our people is by combining our resources and channeling them through the U. C. B. M.

Your giving to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing - S. O. S. offering enables the United Church of Christ to respond — usually in concert with other denominations through Church World Service — to

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7: Ash Wednesday
March 11: First Sunday in Lent
March 11-13: Conference on Evangelism, Columbus, Ohio
March 16-17: Bd. of Directors of Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
March 18, 3:30 p. m.: Installation of Allen B. Hollis Jr. as pastor of First Church, Nashville
March 19-25: Capital Funds Campaign, Bonanza Community Church, under the direction of Ray Bachman of Bd. for Homeland Ministries
March 19: E. Alabama Ministers Association
March 20, 10 a. m.: Long-Range Planning Committee, First Church, Atlanta, Ga.
March 21, 10 a. m.: Conference Program Planning Committee, First Church, Atlanta, Georgia
March 24, 10:30 a. m.: Executive Council, Ala.-Tenn. Assoc., Chattanooga, Tenn., Pilgrim Church
March 25, 3 p. m.: Ordination of B. L. Butler, First Church, Andalusia
March 31, 10 a. m.: Southern Alabama Area Council, Holiday Inn, East Montgomery, Ala.
April 1: Fourth Sunday in Lent. One Great Hour of Sharing - Share Our Surplus Offering

Women Meet At Roanoke First Church

For the mission study on India, the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Christian Church at Roanoke, Alabama, held its February meeting with the ladies from Lowell, Rock Stand, Wadley, and New Hope (Chambers County) in attendance.

Mrs. Gay Braden, president, welcomed guests, members, and the Rev. Joe A. French.

For the devotional, Mrs. K. M. Payne used as her theme "You Are a Letter in Christ." The group joined in singing "Living for Jesus."

Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar used wall maps to point out the country of India as she gave facts and figures about one of the most overly populated countries in the world. She quoted first-hand experiences from interviews the writer, Blaise Levai, had given in his book, *Ask An Indian about India*. She said that of the 550 million people living there, only about two percent of them are Christians.

The group also listened to the recording of the Indian music played on Indian instruments.

—Mrs. Mervin Harper

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Templeton, 630 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. 07304, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Eugene Billiezollie Templeton IV, on December 24, 1972.

Rev. Paul Hunter, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., died February 14, 1973, in Avon Park, Fla., where he and Mrs. Hunter were attending the Winter Chautauqua of the Florida Conference. A few years ago, they moved to Uplands Retirement Center from Ohio where he had served as pastor. For 27 years, the Hunters were at the Rock Spring Congregational Church, Arlington, Va., and he was elected pastor-emeritus by that church. Funeral services were held at the Rock Spring Church, Feb. 25, 1973. A memorial service will be held later at Pleasant Hill.

The Lowell Church, Roanoke, Alabama, now has two ministers: Dr. Frank McCook of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga., and Wayne Moseley, a student at LaGrange College. Mr. Moseley and his family will live in the parsonage, 301 Handley Avenue, Roanoke, Al. 36274.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Worley and family, former pastor of the Lowell Church, are now living at 110 North Main St., Roanoke, Ala. 36274.

267 men and women attended the Laymen's Fellowship Ladies' Night banquet at Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala., on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1973. This annual event is a big moment in the life of the East Alabama Laymen's Fellowship.

R. A. Davis has resigned as pastor of the Antioch Church near Andalusia, Alabama.

'Caddo Young People Busy'

The young people of Caddo Church have been busy preparing and presenting programs for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. The former program was enjoyed by a large group at which refreshments were served. The latter program and tree were enjoyed by a full house and an offering for Elon Home for Children was taken.

This group is now directing their attention to the Lenten and Easter programs of the church. They have attended all North Alabama Youth Group meetings in 1972, of which Lisa Shelton of Caddo is vice-president.

Ministers' Convocation Changes Locations

The Annual Ministers' Convocation of the Southeast Conference will be held May 7, 8, 9, 1973, at Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala. This is a change in meeting places. For several years the Convocation has been at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Bredeweg, Conference Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, will be among the leaders for the Convocation.

Ministerial families have found the Ministers' Convocation an excellent time to learn to know other ministers and families scattered across the Southeast Conference. At Southern Union College, each ministerial family will have a dormitory room. Swimming, hiking, fishing, golfing, and tennis will be the extras.

Not only will the Ministers' Convocation be held at Southern Union College, but also the annual meeting of the Southeast Conference will be held there June 16, 17, 1973.

The Ministers' Convocation faced a financial crisis. The Council for Church and Ministry could not provide scholarship funds this year. The Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference urged that the Convocation be held, if possible, and suggested that churches may want to help underwrite the cost of the Convocation. Hardly had the Board suggested this when a check for \$50 came to the Conference office from the Women's Fellowship of the Huntsville Church. This gift gave the impetus to the Planning Committee to go ahead with the Convocation. Thanks, Women's Fellowship of Huntsville!

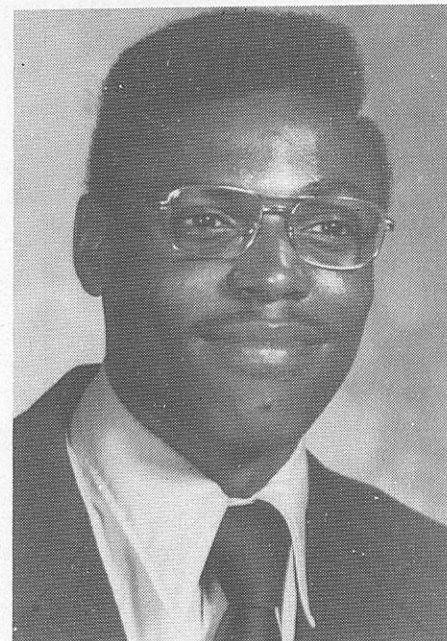
Off To Columbus, Ohio

Representing the Southeast Conference at the Conference on Evangelism, March 11-13, 1973, meeting in the Shrine Center for Renewal in Columbus, Ohio, will be H. W. Tuttle, David W. Beebe, Neil Moseley, and Roy Meinke.

This conference will attempt to spell out an approach to Evangelism for the United Church of Christ based on the belief that the Christian story must be done as well as told and that evangelism is the sharing of God's love in Christ in such a way that both individuals and society are changed.

Financial Statement: January 1-December 31, 1972

Thomasville Pastor Is Ordained



The Rev. Artis Johnson, a native of Thomasville, Ga., was ordained to the Christian ministry at the Bethany Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Thomasville, Ga., on Sunday, February 18, 1973. The service concluded with Mr. Johnson being installed as pastor and teacher of the church.

Mr. Johnson was educated in the public schools of Thomasville and received his B. S. degree of Science and Education at Albany State College and his Master of Education degree from Valdosta State College. He is a teacher and the assistant principal of Harper Elementary School in Thomasville.

Mrs. Johnson is employed at the Nurscare Gardens Nursing Home in Thomasville.

Sharing in the service of ordination were many of Mr. Johnson's friends in Thomasville, as well as ministerial members of the Georgia-South Carolina Association. Miss Augusta Pettie, vice-moderator of the Association, read the action of the Association authorizing the ordination.

A brief history of the Thomasville church was given by Mrs. Mildred Newton. The Bethany Church grew out of the Allen-Normal School, one of many schools of the American Missionary Association. Mr. Johnson, teacher by profession and now also a minister, continues this heritage of education and ministry.

INCOME:

Our Christian World Mission:

Basic	56,223.31
Other	9,854.41
Church Extension-BHM	21,055.00
Southeast News Subscriptions	131.00
Per Capita Dues	711.92
Interest	581.26
Rent	1,020.00
Refunds-Travel	1,699.48
Refunds and Credits:	
Ministers' Convocation	1,097.31
SEC Annual Meeting	1,312.00
Other Refunds and Credits	1,395.08
Sales of Montgomery Properties	11,051.75
SEC Youth	1,633.90
Ministers' Group Health Insurance	11,008.00
Restricted Accounts:	
SEC Church Extension	3,467.16
A. B. Ensminger Fund	295.60
Lay Life and Work	61.75
ASSIST	1,000.00
SEC Scholarship	483.00
Miscellaneous and Transfers	626.43
Total Receipts	\$124,708.36

DISBURSEMENTS:

O.C.W.M., TO U. C. Treasurer:

Basic	14,047.07
Other	9,854.41
Church Extension:	24,543.00
Administrative Expense — Staff Salary and Benefits	21,557.09
Staff Travel	5,572.31
Conference Meetings	2,220.87
Promotional Materials	337.72
Southeast News	1,338.93
Rent	2,700.00
Office Expenses	2,758.46
Salaries and Payroll Taxes	4,331.93
Auto Replacement (to savings)	1,500.00
Miscellaneous and Contingency:	
Ministers' Convocation	942.24
SEC Annual Meeting	1,356.49
Other Misc.	2,216.12
To Savings	600.00
SEC Youth	2,501.69
Ministers' Group Health Insurance	11,592.00
Restricted Accounts:	
ASSIST	1,000.00
SEC Identity Program	421.13
SEC Church Extension	2,976.33
SEC Scholarship	1,444.00
A. B. Ensminger Fund	875.00
Lay Life and Work	62.00
Unbudgeted Miscellaneous and Transfers	655.21
Total Disbursements	\$117,404.03

RECAPITULATION

Bank Balance, Checking Account, Dec. 31, 1971	12,876.73
Receipts, January-December, 1972	124,708.36
Disbursements, January-December, 1972	117,404.03
Bank Balance, Checking Account, Dec. 31, 1972	20,181.06

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Demorest Church Has Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago the Methodist Church and the Congregational Church of Demorest, Georgia, federated "in order to better serve the community as one strong Protestant church to work for the Kingdom of God." The Rev. Tim W. Holbrook, a Methodist minister, was the first minister of the Federated Church, and he was the guest speaker for the 25th Anniversary Celebration, February 20, 1973.

Although August 1, 1947, is the date given for the federating, it was not all accomplished at once. Someone asked a member of the newly Federated Church, "What will you do when you have Communion? Will you observe it as the Methodists do or as the Congregationalists do?" The member replied, "We'll work it out!" And they did!

The 25th anniversary celebration began with supper in the fellowship hall and closed with the service of worship in the sanctuary. The Rev. John Bridges, pastor, led the celebration.

During the service of worship, the newly-built church office-pastor's study was dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. C. L. Percy, a former minister. Mrs. Percy and other members of the family were present to share in this meaningful service.

A brief history of the Congregational Church (organized in 1892) was given by Mrs. Percy. The brief history of the Methodist Church (organized in 1900) was given by Mrs. J. M. Gillespie.

Retreat At Brookmeade Starts Early

The Retreat for Church Leaders at the Brookmeade Church in Nashville began at 6:00 a. m., Saturday, February 17, 1973, and continued for 12 hours at the Hiles' home, 1705 Cedar Lane. The purpose: Brookmeade is a special group and we want to call into consciousness who we are as human beings with common experience, common needs and a common desire to share. Out of this experience we are hopeful of developing our group expression as Brookmeade Church and a plan for working out our decision with respect to our full-time ministry with part-time pastoral leadership. —Retreat Committee

Giving Increases

Giving to regional, national and international missionary programs of the two-million-member United Church of Christ increased from \$18,902,698.18 to \$19,565,450.18, an increase of three percent in 1972 over 1971.

Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey said that the upswing in giving shows "our constituency believes in the ministries of the United Church of Christ and is ready to support them in increasing measure. We are anticipating that 1973 will reveal once again the concern of our people for the mission in which the United Church of Christ is engaged at home and abroad," he said.

Basic support for the work of the denomination's regional conferences, national agencies and overseas mission work amounted to \$17,799,685.00. Giving to funds and appeals for specific projects totaled \$1,765,765.18. Included in this amount was \$185,615.82 for programs of American Indians in the United Church and \$11,984.21 given between Christmas and New Year's by United Church members for relief of earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Southeast Conference showed decrease in Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission, from \$58,366.55 given in 1971 to \$56,188.31 in 1972, a decrease of \$2,178.24.

Life At Pleasant Hill

Mrs. T. C. Braun of Pleasant Hill compiles and edits the Community Church Courier. The legal-size sheet is mimeographed each week, and every space is filled with a devotional poem or paragraph, a schedule of events for the coming week (week of Feb. 4 and 22 events listed — and this is a retirement center!), announcements and comments, and a longer article on "we learn to know each other." Recently the youngest member of the Pleasant Hill Community Church, John Wade Hall, was featured. John is the youngest son of the pastor and his wife, Walter and Peggy Hall.

Eva Asher tells of her exciting 27 years in China but now is happy to look out of the window of her Van Dyck Village apartment and remark, "how quiet and peaceful it is at Uplands and how beautiful."

'Laying On Of Hands'

In the New Testament there is a very simple and personal symbol used for a variety of occasions but with one major purpose. It is the custom of having one person (or persons) place hands on another's head and ask God's blessing — sometimes also giving his own. Usually the act involved sending the other person out on a mission with a prayer for God's strength. So we have come to use it in

LANETT CHURCH IS ACTIVE

A church library has been set up with Mrs. Arthur Dailey, Mrs. Julia Jones, and Mrs. Frank Moon serving on the Library Committee. Books on Christian living, fiction, as well as reference books for Sunday School teachers and leaders, have been placed in it.

Mrs. Harold Auler Jr. is teaching special interest classes on Thursday evenings with the first series being "Biblical Eschatology."

Junior Church for children has been started. The children remain in the sanctuary the first part of the service and leave for the chapel just before the sermon where they continue their service of worship.

Harold Auler Jr. was installed as pastor of the Lanett Church on February 4, 1973, with his father, Harold Auler Sr., preaching the sermon, "The Living Stones." Dr. and Mrs. Harold Auler Sr. served as missionaries under the Board for World Ministries in Latin America for 45 years and now reside at Penny Farms, Florida.

In preparation for Key '73, questionnaires have been sent to the membership to indicate what each person would be willing to do to help reach every home with a witness for Christ. Also, each person is asked, "What volunteer service would you like to render this year?"

Two faithful members of the church have recently died: Mr. Ed McGlown and Mrs. Pati Dunn.

February 11, 1973, was Scout recognition Sunday. This was a significant event in that the Scout Commissioner for the Valley, James E. Lauderdale, presented the Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Mr. George Mann, the 50th Charter for the same number of years of continuous existence. The first Scoutmaster was Mr. Render Fuller.

Mr. Lauderdale recently received the coveted Silver Beaver Award and Mr. Tom Crenshaw received a plaque in recognition of his 23 years in Scouting. Mr. Charlie Miller has the distinction of having been an active registered committeeman longer than anyone else in the Valley area.

At this same service, the Christian Flag and the American Flag were dedicated. The flags were purchased by the Vacation Bible School last summer.

—Mrs. Lois Harry

ordaining ministers and deacons.

The act of "laying on of hands" is also one of the ways by which people have been welcomed into the Christian Church, called to discipleship, and commissioned to serve God in the world. It is then called "confirmation."

—David Beebe

A Study In Bridge Building

The Church of the Savior in Knoxville built bridges in its Sunday morning services on Sundays Feb. 4 through March 4, as follows:

Building Bridges within the Congregation, by congregational participation.

Building Bridges between races by exchanging pulpits, the Rev. Byron Ragsdale, Rogers Mem. Baptist Church and the Rev. Ben Poage, Liturgist.

Building Bridges between the Ragged and the Rich, by Dialogue Sermon, Rev. Max Glenn and Rev. Donald P. Flick.

Building Bridges around the World: Meditation — Miss Frances Thompson, United Church of Christ missionary — 30 years in the Philippines.

Building Bridges for Peace: Bill Herod, Peace Associate, Disciples of Christ Peace Education Team from Indianapolis, Indiana.

They had seminar experiences in the evening services by showing a film, "Black History," and Building Bridges in the Community Panel — on Community Services and How They Work. All churches in the community were invited to this.

The second Sunday evening two films were shown: Stripping of Appalachia and Documentary on Appalachia. All churches in community invited.

The third Sunday evening, a covered-dish supper was served, slides were shown: Missionary Work in the Philippines and a congregational meeting was held, with Land Use Task Force Report and Mission Tour for young people.

The last Sunday evening their theme was Church World Service Work in Vietnam and Peace Education Seminar. All churches in the community were invited.

Youth Groups Meet Together

Youth of First Church and Pilgrim Church of Chattanooga met together to elect officers on February 14, 1973.

John's Gospel pictures Philip of Bethsaida hurrying to his friend, Nathaniel, and exclaiming, "We have found him — Jesus of Nazareth." Our churches exist to enable persons to discover Jesus in the depth and range of his being and to follow his way. Your work and dollars, given throughout the year, will help your church do that for others — and for you.

Resources On National Priorities

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries Peace Priority Team has recently published two resources for your study and reaction as you relate "Peace and U. S. Power" concerns to the issue of national priorities.

a. ISSUES, COSTS, AND BENEFITS OF NEW PRIORITIES by Roger Strait and Paul Stames is a document published by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries Peace Priority Team as a contribution to the dialogue within the United Church of Christ concerning the process of altering national priorities and the nature of special priorities. Single copies of this document are available without cost from the Peace Resource Center, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race St., Room 805, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Ordered in quantity, the cost of the document is 40 cents each for 2-9 copies and 30 cents each for 10 or more copies.

We hope you will encourage churches in your conference to send for copies of this pamphlet for study and discussion. Urge them to return the reaction form. Response to this document will enable the Peace Priority Team to perfect its recommendations to the Ninth General Synod in the area of reordered national priorities. News copy for your conference newsletter is enclosed with this memo.

b. NEW NATIONAL PRIORITIES: THE BASIS OF A THEOLOGICAL RATIONALE by Norman J. Faramelli is a paper prepared in response to a need expressed at the Deering Conference on National Economic Priorities. It is a contribution to the dialogue concerning the Biblical, theological, and moral components of the search for adequate national priorities.

Additional copies, in limited quantity, may be secured from the Peace Information Office, Room 803, or the Peace Resource Center, Room 805, at 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

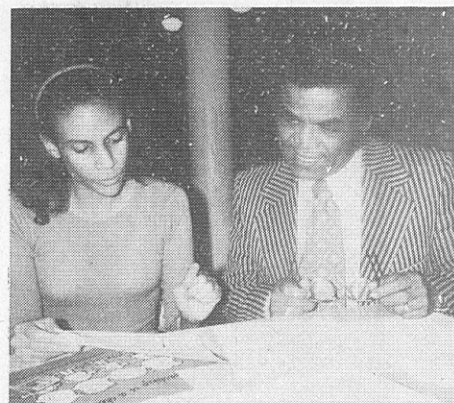
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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emergency needs around the world. It also provides undergirding for a wide variety of other service activities. Many of these are self-help projects — the providing of a cow through Heifer Project, Inc. or the providing of food for work in an irrigation project.

Last year, for the first time in ten years, members of the United Church of Christ gave more than \$1,000,000 to the One Great Hour of Sharing — S. O. S. all-church offering. Our goal for 1973 is \$1,200,000. With your help it can be achieved!

Executive Council Ga.-SC Association Meets



Geraldine Gilliam, secretary, and Carl Jeter, treasurer, Georgia-South Carolina Association.

Since the Executive Council of the Ga.-S. C. Association has members living in Charleston, Savannah, and Atlanta, it was decided that those living in Atlanta meet monthly and the others join them quarterly. March 2 and 3, the entire Executive Council met at First Congregational Church, Atlanta. Mrs. Geraldine Gilliam, secretary, and Carl Jeter, treasurer, discussed a new voucher to be used in the disbursement of funds (as seen in picture).

The Committee on Christian Education is planning a series of studies on "The Minister's Role and Our Role in the Task of Christian Education," led by Byron Knight of Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The Council recently hosted a dinner at First Congregational Church for all U. C. C. Ministers (pastors and those not now in the pastorates) in the Atlanta area. Dr. Robert Moss was the guest speaker. Twenty-eight were in attendance.

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Rock Stand Church Alive And Well



The usual query, "How do you do?" has been receiving the unusual answer: "We're alive and striving to do well!" by the members of Rock Stand Church, and they have been particularly busy making this a reality.

In November the Women's Missionary Society presented a special service of Thanksgiving, at which Mrs. Margaret Harman gave a resume of the programs and work of the society, namely, their many services to the elderly, sponsoring a South American child through the Christian Children's Fund, support of Elon Home for Children, and helping wherever necessary. The Thank Offering boxes were placed on the altar and a prayer of thanksgiving finalized the service.

Thirty-three young people, ranging from three to eighteen years of age, an unusual percentage of the one hundred members of the church, demonstrated their dramatic talents in a play prepared expressly for all thirty-three, called "Gifts to the Celebrating of Christmas." Bible children, singing children, European children of

tradition, and modern-day American children presented their contribution to the celebrating of Christmas. The play's finale was an appeal for world peace and brotherhood.

The Missionary Society presented "A Service of Carols, Candles, and Remembrances" — very effective and challenging each member of the congregation to carry the lighted candles in his or her heart, showing forth the true splendor of God's great gift to man."

Besides utilizing the complete cooperation of every person in the church and a few in the neighboring community, it was felt that there had never been felt more of the spirit of fellowship gained in the production.

Another high point of the Christmas season was the children and some of the women delivering Christmas fruit boxes to 26 elderly people in the community. At each house the children sang selections to these older friends, most of whom are physically unable to attend church. Thus, our Christmas "joyous enthusiasm" was shared.

As for the year 1973, the immediate project of the church is a church library, and to this end a fund was set up by members of the Senior Adult Class. Plans now are to convert an old classroom into a library. A Library Committee has been appointed and it appears that a long prayed for need is to be realized.

The church's Young Married Sunday School Class, averaging an attendance of 12 on Sunday, with four infants enrolled, augurs well for a promising future for Rock Stand Church.

"In the words of the closing hymn of the Christmas play: "Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in Thy hands."

Mrs. Betty Moon

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Savings Accounts:	10,000.00
	1,000.00
	9,220.54
Total as of Dec. 31, 1972	20,220.54

(\$14,778.51 of the above funds are restricted to a variety of purposes. Examples are the Ensminger Scholarship Fund which amounts to \$4,231.26, and Church Extension Funds of \$6,231.86.)

OTHER ACCOUNTS — SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE, INC.

Balance, Checking Account, 12-31-72	1,297.25
Savings Account	\$5,806.78

LEVERETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance, 12-31-72	41.60
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CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

Balance, Checking Account, 12-31-72	319.09
Balance, Savings Account, 12-31-72	\$ 3,088.81

Fullers Appointed To Zaire



Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fuller of Americus, Ga., were appointed to two-year terms as missionaries in Zaire in ceremonies Jan. 28 at the Sinai Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Appointed for two years, the Fullers will serve in economic development with the Zaire church. They will give particular attention to development programs in which the church there is engaged and seeing to opening new projects, such as craft centers.

Until recently, Mr. Fuller, who is an attorney, served as director of Koinonia Partners, near Americus, Ga., which is building houses for poor families, publishing books and records, conducting discipleship schools, and operating a child development center and farming ventures and small industries.

They will hold "Associate Service" with the Board for World Ministries while in Africa.

Dedication And Art

From February through June, First Congregational Christian Church of Roanoke, Alabama, will be dedicating a pulpit, lectern, dossal, and pulpit covers, with the morning sermon by Pastor Joe French depicting the significance of that being dedicated.

Films will be used in the evening services to elaborate on the subjects being discussed. Mr. French will use C. F. Keirstead's "Art Studies in the Life of Christ" as the background study.